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CHRISTMAS AFTERTHOUGHT

So it is all over once again. Nothing now remains to do but to dismantle the Christmas tree, dismantle the fragments of the turkey, collect the Christmas cards and store them or dispatch them to one of the charity organizations, and restore the home to its former less decorative aspect. On the one hand, there is a sense of relief when the now familiar trimmings are taken down and it is possible to close the door without bringing down a shower of greeting cards; and the thought that it is no longer necessary to hunt again for the burned out lamp on the tree, is positively exhilarating.

Yet there is something sad about it also. The corner where the tree stood looks awfully bare, and the absence of the tinsel and frosted twigs reminds us that life with its round of mundane duties awaits us.

AFTER all, for a time, we have lived in an enchanted world. On leaving the office, the gay shop windows, the shoppers with piles of multi-coloured parcels, have all added their magic quota to the atmosphere waiting at home. And once home, the enchantment was full, more especially if there were children to give that added thrill with their exclamations of delight. So in packing up the tree, taking down the decorations, and brushing up the fragments of tinsel, we sweep Christmas 1960 out of the calendar. Then there is the fact that we are one year older, and let's admit it, when we were very young, Christmas seemed an eternity from the following Christmas. Now the years dance around in an accelerated bewilderment of months and days, and we are no longer over one Christmas, then we are preparing for the next.

OF course, Christmas now is never so good as it was when we were young, but in fact we remember hearing, when we ourselves were young, that Christmas was never so good as it was in our parents' time. And so the years roll by, nothing is ever so good as it was. What nonsense that is! And what a sign of increasing age it is to subscribe to it. For one thing, there was never so much spending money about as there was this Christmas. And any way, we are no longer money not being everything, it goes a long way to helping towards happiness.

Nor does that blind us to the fact that if in such countries as England, there are no poor children as Dickens days, and poor Bob Cratchit no longer has to live in fear and trembling of old Scrooge, there are still a multitude of children who know nothing of Christmas and its cheer, or its wonderful message.

Nor does the people of Hong Kong unmindful of their obligations to these children and if a wonderful party, and a wonderful meal, and a warm jacket or so made the miles of our poor Chinese neighbours happier, then Christmas was well spent.

It must not stop there. In a sense, it must be Christmas all the year round, and hunger and want must be banished from our midst. Our own task in Hong Kong becomes increasingly difficult, for always strangers whom we must entertain are arriving among us, and it is not our custom to send them away hungry. And if by our example we can teach others to spread this Christmas spirit, which, after all, is the Christian spirit, and if we can forget outmoded differences and ancient quarrels, and address all our energy to increasing the lot of those whose fertility has exhausted the bounty of Nature, we shall keep Christmas with us. Then the greatest delight of all is to cherish the fact that in doing good, this multi-national Colony was at one. For in exercising that greatest of Christian virtues, charity, we nor creed played any part. Who was the neighbour? He is. And who was his comforter? He who of his kindness could meet his need. So if we keep that spirit, it is Christmas all the year round.

Stanleyville troops arrest provincial govt PRO-LUMUMBA MEN ATTACK

Four Kasavubu officials detained

Leopoldville, Dec. 26. Commandos from the pro-Lumumba stronghold of Stanleyville yesterday drove into Bukavu, capital of neighbouring Kivu Province, and arrested the entire provincial government, a United Nations spokesman announced today.

Four of the Kivu officials—including the local pro-Kasavubu commander-in-chief, Colonel Singa, were taken to Stanleyville but the rest were released after an hour.

A CRIB MADE IN JAIL

TENSE BUT HAPPY REUNION

Cairo, Dec. 26. James Zarb, 42-year-old Briton serving a 10-year jail term here on spy charges, dangled a homemade crib on his knees as he met his wife and four children in a tense but happy Christmas reunion here yesterday.

He had made it from paper and other material, supplied by the British Consul and the Turkish prison authorities, as a gift for the children, three of whom he had not seen for four years.

Mrs. Elda Zarb and the children—Gerald, 3, Mary, 15, Anne, 12 and Marlene, 10, flew to Cairo from London yesterday bringing Christmas parcels and good cheer messages for Zarb, who is spending his fifth Christmas in the yellow-walled long-term penitentiary ten miles north of Cairo on the banks of the Nile.—Reuters.

Two held on heroin smuggling charge

New York, Dec. 26. The crewmen from a Danish flag ship were seized and arrested on smuggling charges last night in connection with what U.S. customs officials described as a \$1 million shipment of smuggled pure heroin.

The men were arrested as they departed from the MV Lexa Maersk in Brooklyn.

The two, identified by the customs service as Chinese crewmen attached to the ship, were named as Kwong Leung, 49, and Ming Yiu-ang 32. Leung was described as a messboy and Ng as a cabin boy.

Customs officers said heroin weighing six ounces was packed in a dozen bags the pair had concealed on their persons.

The men were taken to the Customs Agency office for questioning. Agents said they would be held at the Federal House of Detention until arraignment scheduled for tomorrow morning.—AP.

Discerning bird



Next year is the Year of the Bull, but this discerning mynah bird (like our office cat) knows a good paper when he sees one.

65 ARRESTED IN ANKARA IN 'XMAS EVE PLOT'

Ankara, Dec. 26. A total of 65 persons were arrested in Ankara alone in what was now being called the "Christmas Eve plot," and more have been arrested in other parts of Turkey.

The number of Ankara arrests has been officially today by the spokesman of the National Union Committee, the supreme organ of the Turkish revolutionary government.

The spokesman did not give the names of those arrested but described them as members of the former Democratic Party of ex-premier Adnan Menderes and "religious fanatics." They reportedly prepared and circulated tracts attacking chief of state Cemal Gursel, the national assembly, and the Turkish Constituent Assembly, due to meet on January 6.

MORE SERIOUS

Among those arrested were two retired university professors, six lawyers, two women (including a headmistress of a secondary school). Seven merchants, eight officials, two non-commissioned officers and 37 people described as "artisans, farmers and employees of ministries."

Other arrests were carried out elsewhere. For instance, 37 persons were arrested in the small town of Eskisegut, near Ankara.

When the official investigation has been completed, the prisoners will be tried by revolutionary courts. These courts are provided for by a special measure by a law passed last August. They have not been in session up to now. The courts have the powers to pass sentences which cannot be appealed, ranging in severity up to the death penalty.

"The Christmas Eve plot" was now seemed to observers to be more serious than had first appeared. The alleged plotters were rounded up during the night of December 24-25. Some papers and documents were reportedly seized by the police.

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Commandos called out in Belgium as strikes spread

Brussels, Dec. 26. Commandos in camouflage uniforms took over from riot police in central Brussels today as strike-bound Belgium ended its Christmas holiday with the situation largely unchanged.

The government told its Nato troops on Christmas leave from Germany to stand by, following its declaration that it had "no intention whatever" of modifying its planned austerity measures which are the strikers' main target.

STILL PARALYSED

Both sides claimed successes but the railway system was today still largely paralysed. Trade unions said 90 per cent of the network was at a standstill, but the government claimed many trains were running in the Flemish-speaking north.

Coalmines and steelworks in the southern "red belt" are the main industries affected so far. More workers in some areas today voted to come out tomorrow.

Gas, electricity and postal services were also hit, and air services—unaffected so far—faced the prospect of a walkout tomorrow by some Brussels airport workers.—Reuters.

BETTY WEDS AGAIN

Las Vegas, Dec. 24. Actress Betty Hutton and jazz trumpeter Pete Candoli were married here today, the fourth time and he for the third.

They plan to visit Europe for six months and Miss Hutton said that both would begin work in a London night club on January 10.

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87 killed in UK accidents

London, Dec. 26. Eighty-seven persons were killed in Britain in traffic accidents in the three-day holiday week-end, the Ministry of Transport announced tonight.

There were 40 fatalities on Friday and 27 on Saturday, the Christmas day toll was 20.

Last year 141 were killed on the roads in the four-day period of December 24 to 27.—AP.

Father shoots down two daughters

Stamford Conn, Dec. 26. Armed with two pistols a father shot dead his two student daughters, wounded his wife and three neighbours, and then killed himself here shattering Stamford's Christmas Day calm.

Leonard Moser, 48, shot himself in the temple with one of the pistols when two policemen found him in a park after a big manhunt.

The police said Moser had shot his daughters, aged 18 and 14, and then splashed acid in the face and eyes of his wife Helen, 42, and in the face of two other women, Robert Garthwaite, one of the women's husbands was shot in the mouth and right leg.—Reuters.

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About 2,000 pounds of cotton were destroyed in a fire which broke out in the cockpit of a weaving factory at No. 435 Castle Peak road, ground floor, Lai-chikok, at 4.30 pm yesterday.

Damage to the raw materials and machinery was estimated at over \$10,000, a spokesman for the Lee Wah Weaving Factory Ltd. told the China Mail this morning.

The fire was caused by a spark coming off a switch on a raising machine.

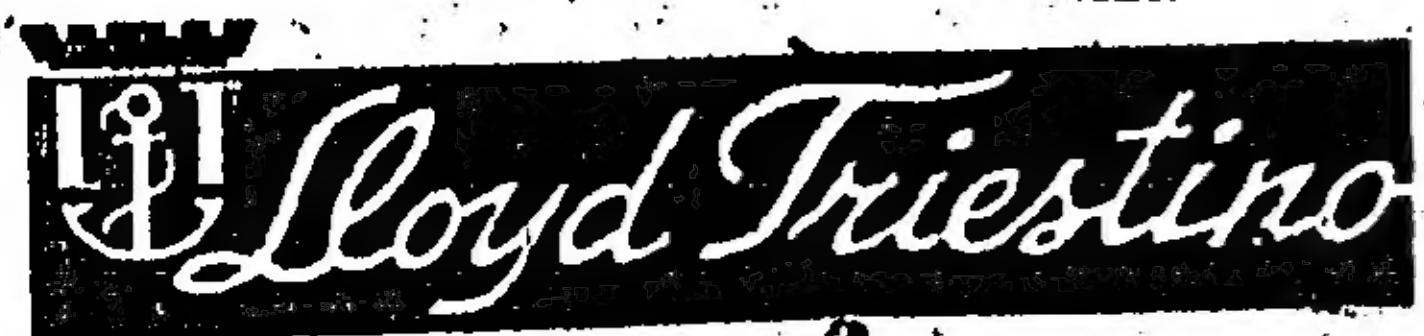
Four fire appliances responded to the call and the blaze was put out in 20 minutes.

The factory occupies the ground floor of a three-storeyed tenement building.

Cold night

Vienna, Dec. 26. Five French students, one with a broken arm, who had spent Christmas Eve cold and exhausted in a mountain chalet in the Austrian Tyrol, were rescued by local police today.

The students, three girls and two boys all under 21, were in a group of seven which set out from St. Anton two days ago to ski. Two of the seven returned last night and reported that the others were playing in the chalet.—Reuters.



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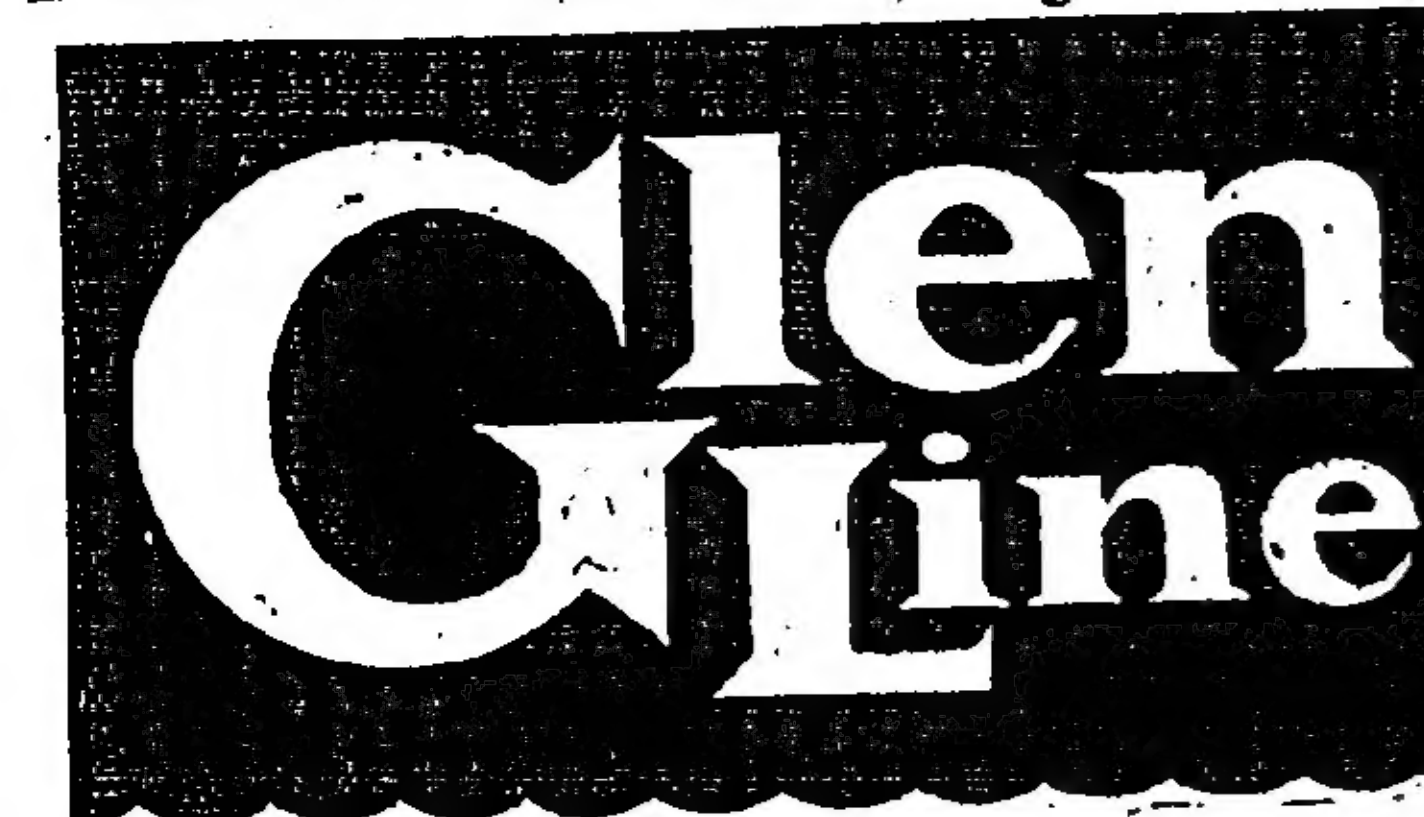
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Traders satisfied with performance at Wall Street

New York, Dec. 25.
More attention was paid to Christmas this past week than to the stock market, and stock prices as a result generally drifted lower.

It was the first decline in the three weeks but the trading continued to be well absorbed and technical aspects of the market remained bullish. The technical aspects included a rise in short interest to the highest level in two years, and the consistency with which odd lot sales have exceeded purchases over the past month. Short interest occurs when borrowed stock is sold in the hope of replacing it at a later date at a lower price.

It also is pointed out that a year-end rally is traditional between Christmas eve and New Year's eve. On record, the chances are about six to one that the Dow-Jones industrial average will advance between these two dates.

TWO STIMULI

This market received two stimuli at mid-week but failed to respond in an aggressive manner. Standard Oil Co. (NJ) came out with an enthusiastic report that sales were running five per cent ahead of a year ago and that earnings will be highest since 1957. This helped the oil group only. American Telephone & Telegraph announced it would raise the dividend to 90 cents next July from 82½ cents, and disclosed plans to offer its 1.9 million stockholders additional shares at less-than-market price. The A.T. & T. stock shot up immediately by 7½ points to a 30-year high but slipped back slightly by the close on Wednesday to finish up 6½ in heavy volume. This strength spilled over into General Telephone but the rest of the list improved only slightly.

The offsetting factor to these two stimuli mainly was the continued unfavorable tenor of corporate and economic news. Brokers said investors certainly feel no compulsion to hurry into commitments in the circumstances.

INCREASE

Consumers were informed this past week that the cost of living continued to rise. Mainly because of a price increase for some foods, movie admissions and hospitalization insurance. Retailers finally got a break from the shoppers who came in droves to lift sales moderately above a year ago. But this was about all the good news there was. Steel production declined again to the lowest level since the holiday week of July 4; car companies are cutting production schedules to keep inventories in line with demand and truck loadings dipped again. Stock sales picked up on the week, thanks mainly to a four million share day on Wednesday. Volume totaled 18,425,221 shares, or an average of 3,685,050 shares per day, as against 17,840,435 shares, or 3,569,297 shares daily the week before. Jersey Standard was the most active issue on sales of \$76,200 shares if finished up 2½ points. American Motors was runner-up with sales of 259,500 shares, and Certain-Teed, up 5½ on a good earnings forecast, was next with 232,800 shares. A.T. & T. and General Telephone rounded out the top five. The Dow-Jones averages finished with 30 industrials 513.23 off 4.55 points; 20 rails 129.65 up 1.79; 15 utilities 98.71

WEEKLY TEXTILES REVIEW

New York, Dec. 25.

Textile markets here settled into the usual holiday season lull this past week.

Cotton goods were sluggish and prices were easier, especially on combed goods. Many mills were closed for the holiday lots. Woolen and worsted fabrics output in the third quarter of 1960 was 15 per cent below the second quarter and 10 per cent under the same period last year, according to the Census Bureau. Carpet wool markets were slow. Argentine grades were easier but New Zealand types held steady. Market opinion is divided with some traders looking for better sales and stronger prices but others seeing no major change for the next few months. Short covering in Calcutta led to a slightly improved demand for burrip. This resulted in advances of 10 to 35 points. Trading in sisal was very slow in the past week, with prices nominally unchanged. Buyers of hard fibres in this country are resisting current price levels which they generally regard as too high. However, prices are displaying a strong tone as a result of active demand from twin producers.—UPL

Question of bicycle imports

Washington, Dec. 25.
With the approval of President Eisenhower, the official Tariff Commission announced last Thursday that it has reopened through GATT the question of U.S. import restrictions on bicycles.

GATT is the general agreement on tariffs and trade, through which the United States gave import concessions to the products of about 20 nations, in return for benefits they gave U.S. exporters. The move signalled a new approach to protection of U.S. bicycle makers after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in effect previous week that the President had acted beyond his prescribed authority when he set the last bicycle import duties from Great Britain, Japan, Austria and the Netherlands.—UPL



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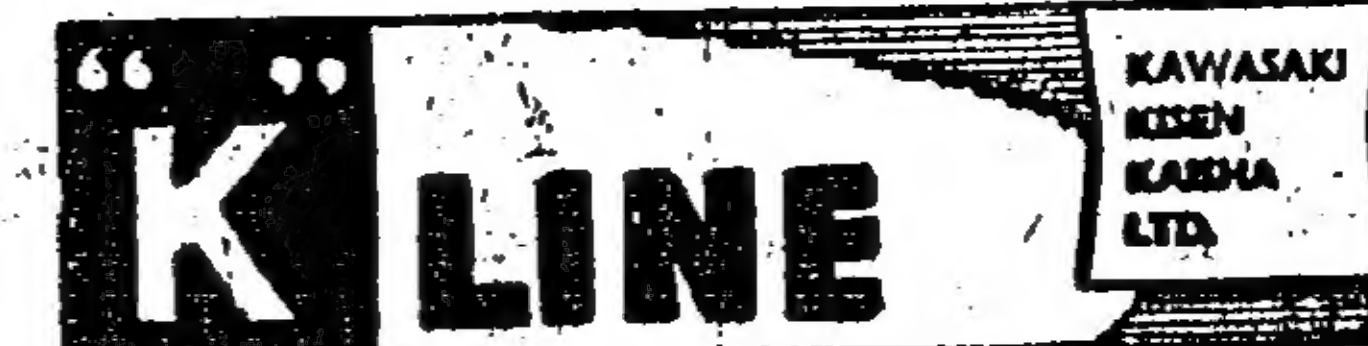
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BOY, AGE 5, NEVER HEARD OF CHRISTMAS

Nashville Tenn., Dec. 24.

Five-year-old Darrell Bateman heard about Christmas for the first time today.

Police found him alone barefoot and wearing only a bagged pyjama jacket in a two-roomed shack in the backwoods near here.

He was standing on a chair shivering in the bitter cold while he tried to fry an egg over a tiny fire.

"He didn't know about Christmas and had never heard of Santa Claus," Mr Tom McGowan, juvenile officer in the sheriff's department said.

SOME SHOES
When he was asked what he would like for Christmas he said all he wanted was a pair of shoes.

"I've never seen anything like it in 15 years of law enforcement," Sheriff Leslie Jett declared.

Police were still searching today for the boy's father. His mother was reported to be in hospital expecting another child.—Ruter.

MOTORISTS FORGIVEN

Fort Myers, Dec. 24. Santa Claus handed out the parking tickets today in Fort Myers. Instead of the usual yellow tickets which demand a 50-cent fine for overtime parking, motorists found red tags on their windshields.

The red tickets showed a picture of laughing Santa and the words, "You have been caught. All is forgiven. Best wishes and Merry Christmas from the Police Department."—UPI.

THOUSANDS GATHER TO WATCH COUP LEADERS DIE ETHIOPIAN REBELS HANGED

Police shoot down revolt chief

Addis Ababa, Dec. 25. Thousands of people today gathered in St George's Square here to see the bodies of two rebel leaders hanged yesterday by police after they were captured.

Meanwhile doctors fought to save the life of General Mengistu Newye, head of the attempted coup against Emperor Haile Selassie, who was wounded when police captured him yesterday.

But they reported there was little hope for him. The General, commander of the Emperor's Imperial Guard, was wounded in the neck when captured at Modjo, about 50 miles southwest of the capital.

CHARGE IS LEVELLED AT SHIP'S BUILDERS

New York, Dec. 25. The New York city fire department, which played a major role in fighting last Monday's \$75 million blaze aboard the aircraft carrier Constellation, charged on Saturday that the ship's construction engineers "did not know one end of the ship from another."

"They couldn't read their own blueprints," a fire department spokesman said.

For this reason, the spokesman added, New York City firemen had difficulty finding their way around the labyrinth of the burning vessel. The fire, which took 40 lives, is under investigation by a US Naval court of inquiry at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. The investigation will resume on Tuesday.—AP.

Seized

He was seized after he and his brother, General Newye, Governor of Jijiga Province, were surrounded by peasants.

Gemena was captured and killed later, and his body was one of the two hanging in St George's Square today. The other was that of Captain Haya Telashou of the Imperial Guard.

General Mengistu Newye was brought to the royal palace after his capture yesterday and confronted by the Emperor. Then he was rushed to the American Hospital and doctors were told to do everything possible to save his life.

Most of the key men in the attempted overthrow — which took place while the Emperor was on a state visit to Brazil — have now been captured.—Ruter.

Bullets and bombs bring terror YULETIDE VIOLENCE IN ALGERIA

Algiers, Dec. 25. Fighting and terrorism continued in Algeria for the seventh consecutive Christmas.

Military authorities at Philippeville announced on Sunday night that 11 Moslem auxiliaries and two French non-commissioned officers had been killed in a clash with nationalist rebels two miles outside the town. A 62-year-old Frenchman was injured when a terrorist hurled a grenade into a bar in Bone.

POPULAR TOY

Oran, Dec. 25. Most popular Christmas gift in Oran is a toy clockwork drummer boy — stamped "Made in Germany" — who beats out a tattoo of three short and two long beats on his drum.

For Europeans in Algeria this rhythm means only one thing — *Al-ge-ris* — *France*, meaning Algeria must always remain French.—Ruter.

Moslem demonstrators overturned two automobiles and set them fire in a suburban of Oran. When flames dashed to the scene, they were stoned by the crowd. Riot police, finally cleared the area.

A grenade was thrown at a patrol car in another part of Oran. Police opened fire but the attackers got away.

(In Paris, shops were exchanged with Algerian auxiliaries in a section of Montmartre which is heavily populated by Moslems. There were no casualties. It was the third time the same police post had been attacked in recent weeks.)—AP.

CHRISTMAS WITH ROYALTY ANNE READS LESSON

Sandringham, Dec. 25. Princess Anne, Queen Elizabeth II's 10-year-old second child, today read the lesson for the first time at an annual carol and lesson Christmas evening service of West Newton Parish Church.

The Queen, her husband the Duke of Edinburgh, Princess Margaret, and her husband Mr Anthony Armstrong-Jones, and other relatives were among the 200 people in the congregation to hear the Princess read.

Her voice was clear and confident, parishioners said. She was one of nine readers, three of whom were children.

QUEEN'S BROADCAST

London, Dec. 25. The Queen told the British Commonwealth today that 1960 could be no "stretch of the imagination" be described as "a happy and successful year for mankind."

The Queen discussed the state of the world in her annual message which had been recorded for sound and television in the white drawing room of Buckingham Palace before she went to Sandringham for the holidays.

"Arguments and strained relations, as well as natural disasters have all helped to produce an atmosphere of tensions and uncertainty throughout the world," the Queen said. "It is at times of change, disorder and uncertainty that we should cling most strongly to those principles which we know to be right and good."—UPI.

Used car as a battering ram

Lincolnton, N.C., Dec. 25. An 18-year-old Christmas reveler smashed his car through the plate glass window of a supermarket here, police said today, then backed up and made a second run down an aisle to the meat department.

Police said that Benny T. Mosteller rammed his sedan through a window of the market early on Sunday, smashing two counters and a cash register. Mosteller then backed up for a running start and drove 128 feet down an aisle to the meat counter, officers said.

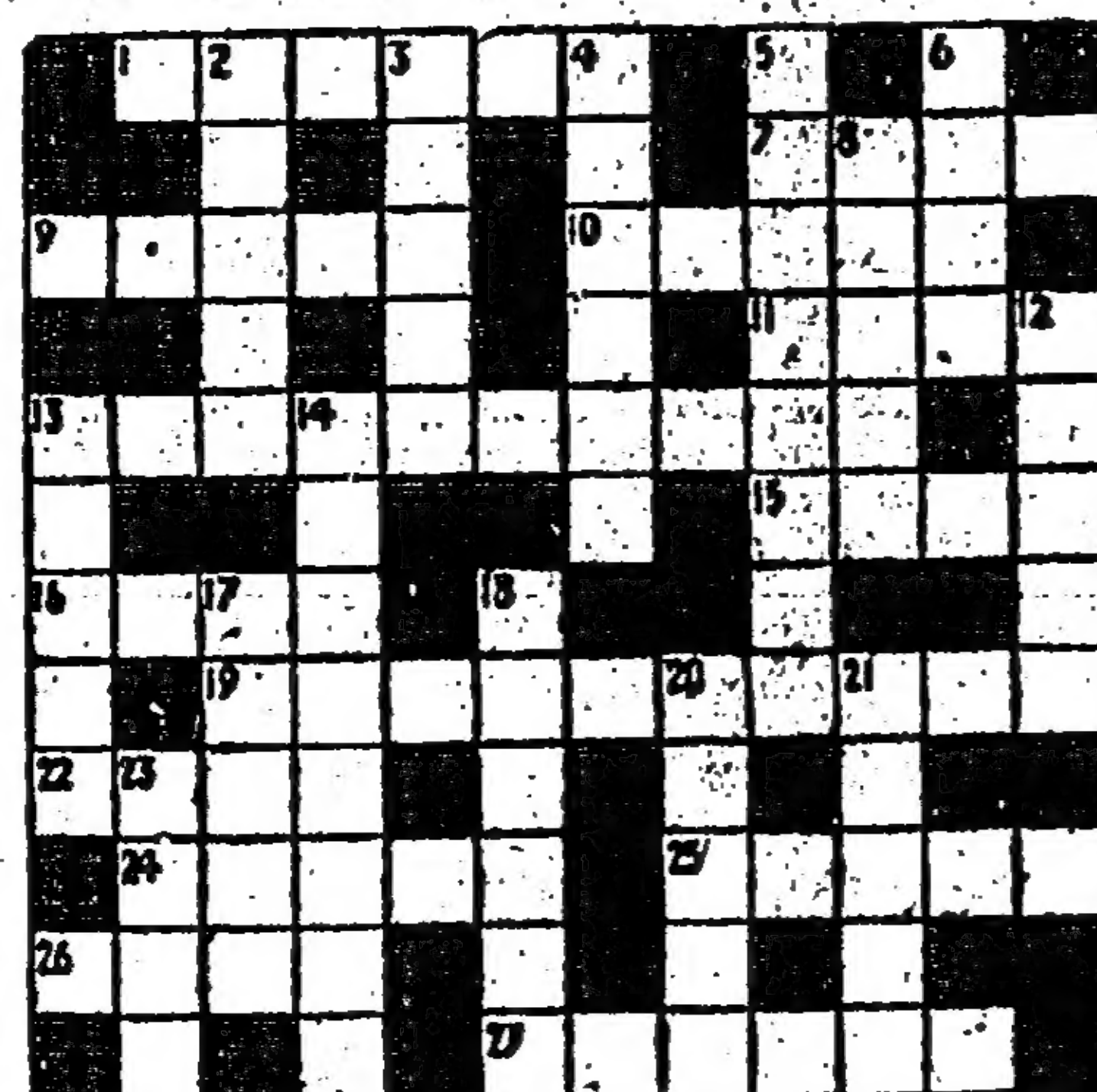
Police said Mosteller walked into police headquarters and reported the incident. He was crying and was not sure which store he had hit.

NOT HURT

Police said the car was left amid smashed shelves, toppled piles of groceries and shattered glass. No damage estimate was given by the store management.

Mosteller, who was not injured, was charged with being drunk and destroying personal property. He was released under \$5,000 bond.—AP.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Outstanding cricket county (6)
 - 7 A nip produces it! (4)
 - 9 Friend in Spain (5)
 - 10 Roaring successes (5)
 - 11 River of France (4)
 - 13 Not daytime wear (10)
 - 15 Keep off (4)
 - 16 Piplet's father (4)
 - 19 It bears antlers (10)
 - 22 Prepare a hook (4)
 - 24 It doesn't pay (5)
 - 25 Helicopter part (5)
 - 26 It means "place" (4)
 - 27 Happy conclusion? (6)
- DOWN**
- 2 Putting into practice (5)
 - 3 Sleep on it (5)
 - 4 Lack of courage (6)
 - 5 Spill, as a child? (8)
 - 6 Girl you can't catch? (4)
 - 8 Flavouring plant (5)
 - 12 Tree of good age (5)
 - 13 Wealthy Indian (5)
 - 14 He who kept the bridge (8)
 - 17 Going up in smoke! (6)
 - 18 Strip to the skin? (6)
 - 20 Globe (5)
 - 21 Already swallowed (5)
 - 23 Biting (4)

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Tirado, 4 Trace, 7 Waters, 8 Pulls, 10 Harp, 12 Bird-man, 15 Dated, 16 Elre, 17 Leer, 19 Rears, 20 Ladders, 21 Stet, 23 Stone, 24 Recede, 25 Pride, 26 Blasé, Down: 1 Town Hall, 2 Retarded, 3 Dark, 4 Rounders, 6 Collar, 9 Rides, 11 Pardoned, 12 Berry, 13 Mistress, 14 Neatness, 18 Easter, 22 Tell.

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"CHIUSAN"	20 Jan.	Noon	27th Jan.
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Ship	Due	Sails
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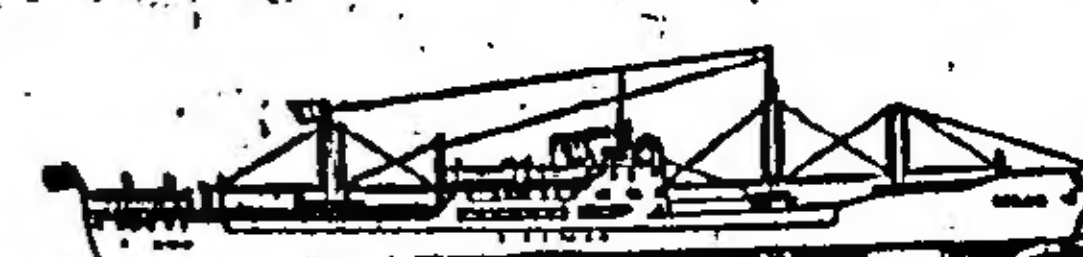
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m.s. "HEMOD"	Sandakan	7/1	7/1	Japan
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m.s. "TUDOR"	10/11	10/11	Jan. 1
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m.s. "FERNATA"	10/11	10/12	10/12	Jan. 17
m.s. "FERNVALE"	10/11	10/12	10/12	Jan. 24
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m.s. "FERNATA"	10/11	10/11	10/11	Jan. 17
m.s. "FERNVALE"	10/11	10/11	10/11	Jan. 24
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m.v. "TAI LOY"	5.30 P.M.	3.00 A.M.	— do —	30091/20719	Fu House Lobby, 7 Ice House St.
s. s. "FATSHAN"	12.00 Midnight	3.00 P.M.	— do —	25229/25232	Fu House Lobby, 7 Ice House St.

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POPE GIVES BLESSING

Vatican City, Dec. 25.
Pope John, giving his
Christmas blessing from
the balcony of Saint
Peter's Basilica, today
voiced the hope that
world leaders would work
for human and Christian
progress.

About 100,000 people, including many foreigners, acclaimed him the 79-year-old pontiff, in heavy gold embroidered robes with a triple crown on his head, as he appeared high up on the balcony of the Basilica after celebrating mass in the world's largest church.

Bugle calls from the band of his palatine guard drawn up on the steps of the Basilica heralded his arrival.

BLESSINGS

He said he was giving his apostolic benediction "Urbi et orbi" (to the city of Rome and to the world) with a fivefold special intention:

1. For all children, who are particularly close to the infant Jesus.
2. To workers, who on this day with their families can better enjoy the serenity which the difficulties and sacrifices of life sometimes make it hard to discover and enjoy.
3. To suffering people of all ages and all walks of life who are afflicted with illness of body and spirit, with special reference to those whose religious freedom is strongly restricted.
4. To the highest men responsible for civic affairs, that their work for human and Christian progress, with respect for truth and freedom, may be sustained, and
5. To the whole family of the Universal Church.

The Pope, who spoke in Italian, wished peace to all peoples and a "good Christmas and Happy New Year."—Reuter.

707 mishap

London, Dec. 24.
A Bear Boeing 707 jet airliner veered sideways from the runway and crashed when its undercarriage buckled during a landing at London airport today. None of the 86 passengers aboard the plane, which was en route from Chicago and Montreal, was injured. Officials said one wing was smashed.—UPI.

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ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS SERMON

Canterbury, Dec. 25.
Dr Geoffrey Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury, in his Christmas day sermon deplored the social and political intolerance between Israel and Jordan.

Speaking of his visit to the Holy Land from November 24 to 27, the Church of England's leader declared that the greatest joy he found in Jerusalem was that Christians of all churches "caught me up into a unity of spirit proceeding from a common discipleship of the Christ of the Gospels."

But he added: "In grim contrast, the deepest of all sorrows I found in Jerusalem also. It was a cleavage on the social and political level deeper than any I have ever found elsewhere between the peoples of Jordan and those of Israel, a witness to that spirit of ill-will visible and menacing in so many other countries, and indeed in all the affairs of men, which rejects the ministry of Christ and refuses the means of salvation which he offers."

NEAR TO JESUS

He said that during his Holy Land visit he felt himself "very near to the Christ of history."
"A few weeks ago I was able to visit the places where or whereabouts the nativity of our Lord had taken place. I stood in the temple area where he had taught and which he had cleansed of its traffickers," he said.

"I could see how he had come from the Mount of Olives, riding on the ass colt, across the valley of the Kedron into the city."

"I had walked from the place where Pilate's Court had been, up the winding lane which leads to Calvary."

A SAD STATE

Dr Fisher declared "The world is in a sad state. Good people in high office often do very foolish things; and less good people, no less devoted to less wise ends, seize upon their folly to do yet more foolish things; and folly breeds impatience and impatience breeds cruelty, and cruelty breeds despair, and despair violence and destruction."

The remedy was not more knowledge, ingenuity, organisation money or franchise—

DICKENS WROTE A CHRISTMAS CAROL TO PAY DEBTS

New York, Dec. 26.
Charles Dickens wrote "A Christmas Carol" in six weeks in 1843 in a desperate effort to get out of debt, according to his great-granddaughter, Monica Dickens, today.

PREACHER MARRIES NEGRESS

London, Dec. 24.
A British pastor married an American Negro nurse today in a quiet Christmas Eve ceremony which had the blessing of his congregation.

The bride was Edna Wilson, 27, of Wilmington, Delaware, who came to England as a nursing lieutenant with the U.S. Air Force.

The bridegroom was the Rev. Glyn Pruce, 31, pastor of the Unitarian Chapel of the picturesque village of Haleburn, Cheshire. They met three years ago at Oxford when Mr Pruce was studying theology. The couple drove off for a London honeymoon, leaving behind a house full of gifts and six anonymous letters attacking the marriage.

"They were only prank letters," Mr Pruce said. "I ignored them. After all I would not refuse to marry the girl I love because of what some people might say."—UPI.

CHRISTMAS IN BRITAIN

London, Dec. 25.
With late night and midnight carol services in cathedrals, churches and many public gatherings throughout the country, Britain heralded Christmas Day in her traditional style.

Earlier, the usual heavy traffic between relatives in widespread parts of Britain had been "quiet," the Automobile Association reported today.

But the "black spot" at many Christmas dinner tables today was the stunning announcement that Friday's death toll on Britain's roads had totalled 40.

A spokesman for the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents declared: "Some people are still behaving selfishly and irresponsibly."—Reuter.

Christmas robbers 'darn' busy

Chicago, Dec. 25.
Four men using walkie-talkie radios in a carefully organized armed robbery last night looted a downtown optical supplies firm of binoculars and electronics equipment valued at US\$100,000.

Police said the high-powered elevator operator and an executive from a nearby office after apparently using a key to enter eighth floor offices of Sans and Streiff Inc. A company spokesman said the estimated \$100,000 loss consisted mainly of binoculars, transistor radios and electronics parts.

Police were told that the robbers addressed each other as "Pete", "Joe", "Mike" and "Darn" over portable radio sets as they loaded a panel truck parked by an alley freight platform.—UPI.

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2NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	5♦	Pass
5♦	Pass	6NT	Pass

You, South, hold:
♠A J 6 ♥A Q 8 ♦A K 5 ♣A 10 4

What do you do?
A—Pass. Remember, that at one stage of the bidding your partner was willing to play the hand below a slam.

TODAY'S QUESTION

What opening bid would you make, holding the following?
♠K 2 ♥A K J 7 ♦K 9 5 4 ♣3 2

Answer Tomorrow

The first man to come up with one was the late Ely Culbertson.

The Culbertson four-five no-trump convention was that a bid of four no-trump showed either three aces or two aces and a king of a previously bid suit. Partner would respond five no-trump if he held two aces or if he held one ace and the king of all previously bid suits. With one ace or a void, he would bid five of that suit. Otherwise, he would sign off in the previously agreed suit.

Today's hand illustrates the convention at its best. North's five no-trump response to his partner's four no-trump shows one ace and the king of spades. That is all South needs for a grand slam bid.

Playing Blackwood, or almost any other modern slam convention, it is doubtful indeed if

NORTH		EAST	
♠K J 7 4	♥A Q 5 3 2	♠7 4	♥Q 8
♦J 10 9	♣J 9 7 5	♦K 10 8 5 4	♣A Q 3 2
No one vulnerable		South West North East	
1♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
4NT	Pass	5NT	Pass
7♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♥J			

North and South would reach this grand slam.

North's Blackwood response would show one ace; then if South asked for kings with five no-trump, North would show one king. South would have no way to be sure that the one king was the king of trumps and the hand would play at six.

MARRIAGE AND UNBOUNDED AMBITION

London.
THE roving eye and the careless heart; yes, they can be reason enough for divorce—when they grow to heartbreak and betrayal.

Physical brutality or mental torment; yes, cruelty is a reason too.

But was there ever a reason like that given the other day as one cause of a marriage breaking up—ambition?

It seems to me the most extraordinary of the lot—the very epitome of the universal

mess we are making of marriages.

For 72-year-old Judge Culbert Rowcastle held that it was her husband's "overwhelming" ambition which brought Mrs. Rosemary Daphne Farnes to the divorce courts one dark December day.

Now what is it, this quality called ambition—which every woman tries to instill into her baby, foster in her schoolboy, encourage in her grown-up son?

The magnet

Is the craving to get on—faster, further—the determination to succeed, the virtue that carries with it, of necessity, the odour of ruthlessness and the first smell of success?

It's the magnet that can draw a woman to a man as surely as the colour of his eyes or the size of his smile. And it's the most unusual reason for wanting to leave him I've heard.

For what are the complaints of the woman married to a man who by his own efforts rose from the bottom rung to be director of a leading airline firm?

They are simply the means of any woman married to any man with any spark of drive, ability, or initiative.

Mrs. Farnes complained that: She was lonely when her husband was away.

She "did not care for his commercial acquaintances."

She "found that overwork was making him irritable."

Recognise them? We all do. That loneliness when he is away. The nights when, alone, you coped with burst pipes and sudden attacks of flu. The days

—(London Express Service).

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Giddap Remembers

—She Tells Knarf About Jack, The Scarecrow—

By MAX TRELL

IT WAS quite early in the morning when Knarf went down to stand in front of the house to wait for the friend whom he expected.

Sure enough, a few minutes later, Giddap, the Milk-wagon Horse, came clump-clump-clumping around the corner, pulling the milk-wagon and the Milkman and all the milk bottles behind him.

Knarf joined Giddap

And, as usual, as soon as the Milkman got off to deliver milk to all the other houses in the street, Knarf went over to see how Giddap was doing and to find out what adventures she had had since they had last met, which was yesterday morning.

"Nothing really happened," Giddap said, pawing the ground with her foot as she spoke. "But I did a lot of remembering."

"You know," she went on, "it's not hard to remember things when you're pulling a milk-wagon through a lot of empty streets early in the morning. And I have lots of time to remember things, too, while I'm waiting for the Milkman to deliver the milk."

Remembered a friend

"And yesterday, I remembered about a very old and a very good friend of mine—and I got to wondering just where he was and what he was doing, now that the summer was over and winter isn't very far away."

Knarf wanted to know what friend Giddap was remembering.

"Before I tell you his name and who he is," said Giddap, "I ought to tell you that long ago I lived on a farm."

"I didn't know that," said Knarf. "I thought you came from the city."

Born on farm

"I was born on a farm," said Giddap. "And my Mother and Father were born on a farm, too. And when I was young and growing up, I used to spend all my days in a beautiful green field. The loveliest and most delicious clover in the whole world grew in that field. And this friend that I was remembering about, lived in the next field."

when the electricity bill arrived—and your mother-in-law.

As Mrs. Anthony Wedgwood Benn said, you were sent for the children. "They really miss him when he is away."

And, like Lady Morrison, you schooled yourself to cope.

"I had hoped to see more of my husband when he left the Commons," she said, "but a wife must accept the fact that a man will continue to take more and more on."

Those acquaintances he considers important to his job. Remember those evenings when he telephoned at six saying the boss was coming to dinner and you pretended to be a vegetarian because there were only two chops in the house?

The bonhomie

And those others—the office party with the beer, the back-slapping, and the bonhomie. That wasn't exactly the way you'd chosen to spend the evening either, was it?

But, like Lady Festling, wife of the Chief of the Imperial General Staff, you kept your means to yourself.

She told me: "I grumble, privately of course, like mad about having to get dressed up for official parties."

"I don't really like official entertaining at all. But I couldn't bear to be married to a nine-to-five man, so I do my best to enjoy it all."

That irritability at the end of the day. That one strikes home too.

Those evenings when you long to talk about new kitchen curtains or Johnny's school report and we get: "Can't you keep that child quiet?"

But few wives will go to the Divorce Court over that one.

As Mrs. Joseph Collier, wife of the chairman of the £24,000,000 United Drapery Stores, said:

"If my husband is tired or worried about things I just try to make sure the evening runs the way he likes it and keep worries from him."

The fabric

These then are the penalties of being married to an ambitious man—according to the law and Mrs. Farnes.

To me they seem no more than rough threads in the fabric of any everyday marriage. The only difference is the one which seems to have eluded both the law and Mrs. Farnes.

It is simply that it's easier to cope with being alone when you have the price of a theatre ticket in your handbag.

It's easier to cope with business acquaintances when you can give them champagne instead of elder cup.

And it's a darn sight easier to cope with any man on earth—lord or layabout—when the fruits of his ambition have given you a nice little suite to retire to.

—(London Express Service).

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"What happens to Jack?" Knarf asked Giddap.

say that the Farmer shakes Jack out of his coat.

"Anyways, all that's left is the empty coat."

"What happens to Jack?" Knarf cried in alarm.

"Oh, he just goes floating off in the wind as I said before," said Giddap, "straw by straw, all blowing away."

Milkman returns

Giddap looked around. This time the Milkman was coming back.

"And that was what I was remembering, Knarf," said Giddap. "Remembering about Jack Scarecrow who is now hanging on a hook in the barn, just an old empty coat, sleeping the winter months away, waiting for spring and Crows and corn to come again."

And a few minutes later, Giddap was clump-clump-clumping down the street again, while Knarf stood on the sidewalk and waved goodbye to her—until tomorrow.

Rupert and the Purple Star-25



Things have been happening too fast for poor Rupert since arriving at Saker Sam's shop, and the sudden departure of his friend leaves him stranded and rather frightened. "What had I better do?" he thinks, as he goes into the shack again. "I mustn't touch

that awful purple starfish. And, oh goodness me! Sam's forgotten to put away that precious old paper. Suppose anyone comes. That's the one thing he will be asking not to touch. The best thing I can do, I suppose, is to go to it for him."

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LADY LUCK

YOUR CHINA MAIL horoscope

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

AQUARIUS (8) (January 21-February 19): You have gone through a very difficult time, but don't give up as you have almost reached the turning point.

PISCES (8) (February 20-March 20): A business proposition put to you seems to make good sense, and since you have confidence in the person concerned you ought to give it serious consideration.

ARIES (11) (March 21-April 19): You were compelled to use some rather harsh words to a person who had neglected her duties and you ought not to have any scruples about it.

TAURUS (4) (April 20-May 20): Since you are irritated by gossip and small talk you must avoid those who seem to have nothing better to do.

GEMINI (7) (May 21-June 21): Although you feel sure that someone close to you has acted very selfishly, you ought to give that person the benefit of the doubt.

CANCER (5) (June 22-July 21): A letter from someone whose very existence you had forgotten will bring cheerful news and give a decided lift to your spirits.

LEO (9) (July 22-August 21): If you insist on strict adherence to a promise you have extracted from someone, you are only asking for trouble.

VIRGO (12) (August 22-September 23): In your desire to be true to your principles you may sometimes find it necessary to swallow some very bitter pills.

LIBRA (10) (September 23-October 22): The promotion of a fellow worker may cause him to feel a bit too big for his boots, and you should warn him that pride often comes before a fall.

SCORPIO (2) (October 23-November 21): Although you are aware of a false step which some member of your group has taken, be careful not to cast the first stone.

SAGITTARIUS (6) (November 22-December 21): You have borne a grudge against a distant relative for quite a while now, and given the proper opportunity you ought to get it off your chest.

CAPRICORN (1) (December 22-January 20): Your high hopes about an approaching event in your cultural life will be fully justified.

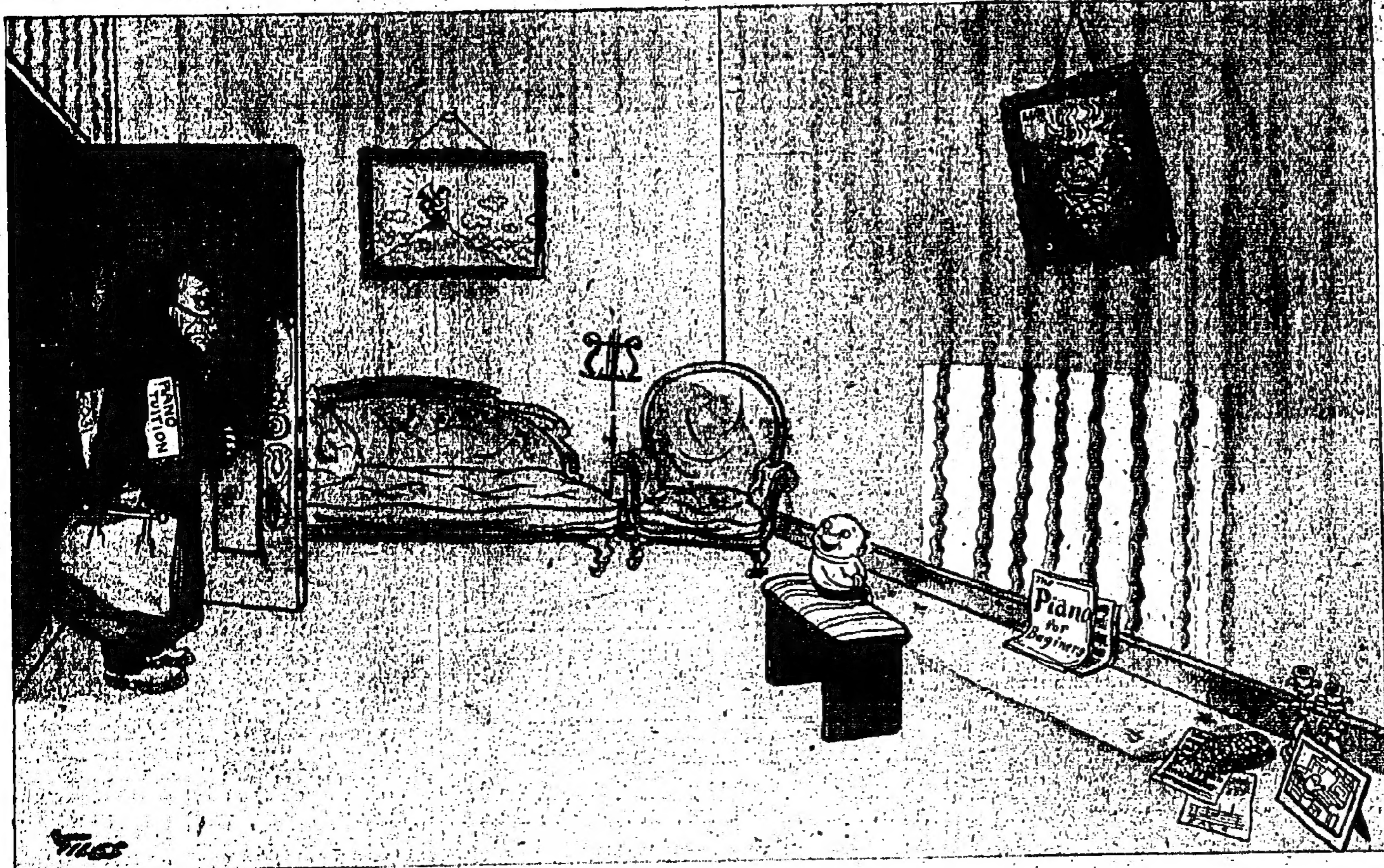
YOUR LUCKY NUMBER: Count the letters in your first name and add the total to the number shown in brackets after your sign of the Zodiac. This is your lucky number for the week.



Rust marks on playing cards can be removed by putting damp salt on the cards and allowing them to dry in the sun.

A handle to hold a hot vacuum-bottle cup can be made from a strip of paper folded over several times.

If your cake burns, remove scorched area with a grater and cover with a glamorous icing. If your cake falls, serve it as a pudding, heated, with a sauce.



"The hire purchase man came and took it away"

London Express Service.

He's everything a legend-maker should be

London.

"I say, you fellows!"
 "Bunter, you fat ass!"
 "The assfulness is terrific!"
 "We're jolly well going to bump you, Bunter!"
 "Owl! Yaroo; Leggo, you beasts!"

STRANGE benighted words, these; relics of a facetious Edwardian slang long dead. But in many an ageing male heart, in many an unlikely corner of the world, they evoke the dim memory of a youth that seemed lost for ever.

What boy, with access to English fiction over the last sixty years, has not been drawn into the timeless precincts of Greyfriars School to meet those sexless, clean-limbed lads the Famous Five?

Who does not know Harry Wharton, Bob Cherry, Hurree Janset, Ram Singh, Frank Nugent, Johnny Bull; and that fat folk-hero Billy Bunter, the Frabjous, Frumpious Owl of the Remove?

Lashings

Bunter with his tight check pants and incredible circumference, whose daily-expected postal order never turns up, who is hurried through study windows and set about with cricket stumps with a brisk heartiness that only a folk-hero could survive?

Bunter, still lively as a fourth-former at 75, rolls on agelessly through his oodles of tuck, dormitory scuffles, jabbings and Lines From Quelch. He has been written about all over the world. He has been taken to pieces as a social phenomenon by egghead writers like George Orwell. He has loomed in vast effigy in the London Lord Mayor's Show. There are books and an annual, and a West End Christmas show about him every year. He is a British TV idol, and you can read about him in Braille.

You can get twenty-five shillings on the enthusiast's market for one of those rare early issues of the little school-story magazine that sold first at a halfpenny, then a penny.

To many a middle-aged man who would still read Greyfriars stories openly if he dared, it has never even occurred that William George Bunter must have a creator.

But there is no disillusionment imminent. Frank Richards is everything a legend-maker should be.

There are usually lashings of tuck when visitors call on him; cakes and tarts; and buttered muffins. In his modest little bachelor house in Broadstairs, in a road that runs right down to the sea.

If there has to be a slogging writer behind Bunter, it is eminently right that it should be this brightly little old

dream-weaver, in his black skull cap and dressing gown, with bicycle clips at his ankles to keep the draught out of his corduroys.

Mild shock

It is comforting to find him at the chess board; to observe the works of Horace and Lucretius on the bookshelves; to see signs on the work-table of something being translated from Goethe, and a crossword being compiled in Latin.

Frank Richards, gentle and scholarly and much-travelled, has a short lead on the fat public schoolboy who has taken well over £1,000,000 from the reading public. He is 65.

He may be the thin man inside the fat boy, but he is not trying to get out. "Bunter?" he chuckles, stuffing his curved pipe from the big tobacco-jar. "I should feel grateful to him. He's kept me all these years."

There is a mild shock to come, though. For where did Frank Richards tap out all those millions of words that were the fabric of his lucrative, stylised never-never-land of rosters and dual fags and missing tuck-boxes?

In some old panelled study, within earshot of the boyish shouts from some school's rugby field?

Not jolly likely. In Monte Carlo, between ruthless all-night stunts at the roulette table. That was where Frank Richards liked to be, when his luck was running free, to write about his best-selling public school lads and their jolly capers.

If Bob Cherry had been caught with a bottle of whisky at a petting party it could hardly have seemed more unlikely.

But of course the Billy Bunter saga was not always as plushly as this.

Endless

Once even Frank Richards was a boy, learning Latin from his father and wanting more than anything to write. He did, too; and in 1900, when he was 15, an elderly relative put him in touch with a publisher and he was paid five guineas for his first story.



BILLY BUNTER — Fat folk-hero.

by
Simon Kavanagh

Then, when the publisher saw how young he was, the fee was cut to £4 a story.

Bunter was born in 1899, aged 14, out of Richards' fascinated observation of an elated gentleman overflowing editorial gentleness in his chair in a Fleet-street office. But nobody wanted to know him for eight years yet.

First in 1907, Mr Richards' other dream world was born; St. Jim's, where Tom Mory of the "Terrible Three" enacted the endless form-room dramas chronicled for decades in "The Gen". And on February 18, 1908 there appeared between orange

covers for one halfpenny the first issue of the "The Magnet", the chronicle of Greyfriars.

Bunter, in those early days, was almost a supporting player, a caddy, not a good chap at all. The rugged emphasis was on the Famous Five.

And Frank Richards (who was born as Charles Hamilton) became also Martin Clifford, Winston Cardew, Hilda Richards, Owen Conquest, Ralph Redway, and twenty or thirty other busy writers as well.

And did very nicely too. For thirty years he kept hard at it at the typewriter, bashing out his million and a half words

Hotel in Austria, guarded by a man with a rifle because he had written something about Zepellins in a story posted back to Fleet-street.

He got out of that; and slogged on even when falling eyesight dogged him in the "Twenties". He was a writer in the Edgar Wallace vein; bank managers did not wait for inspiration, so why should authors?

But, with another war, the lucky run ended. There was no paper for stories. Richards' income crashed from £2,500 to nothing. He lost his home in a coastal defence area, and his shares tumbled. Yet still, in Hampstead, he wrote through each wartime day.

And now the wheel turns full circle, and Bunter is paying tax again. "Not in quite the same way; the "Magnet" and the "Gen" were military casualties that never returned.

But in two books every year, and an annual and a dramatised "Billy Bunter's Swiss Roll" for Christmas, the odd, archaic slang and the repetitive, unchanging school adventures of those wholesome sons of English gentlemen more than hold their own with the Dan Dares of the space age.

Richards still writes the books and the annual. The chap who writes the current Bunter plays was not even born when first Bunter scooped a Junior. He has never met Mr Richards. So why? It is really a bit of a mystery. George Orwell, like many another social analyst in publications, weightier than the "Magnet", once tried to sort it out in a brilliant essay.

A mystery

But he came unstuck when he assumed that of course no one writer could possibly have produced so vast a verbal torrent for so long. Of course the hacks had helped.

Mr Richards signed the letter than cleared that one up.

It is less of a mystery when Bunter & Co. are seen as great comic invention, as memorably endearing as the Gilbert and Sullivan ditties that old Frank Richards loves.

Bunter remains the same. The trouble is, as someone pointed out in one of those thoughtful Letters to the Editor, that in the first Golden Age of Greyfriars he was an unmitigated bouncer. To modern youth he is undoubtedly a hero. Whatever this implies.

Only two years ago, thirty old boys of the school that never existed met in London to share memories of old times: regatta, cricket triumphs, stints in the quad. There is a Billy Bunter Society in Birmingham.

The gap is widening, though. When Frank Richards sent the BBC an instalment of a new Bunter serial written entirely in Latin last year, they had to send it to their Schools Department for translation.

Roll on, O Bunter. And heaven foretell the day when the Fat Owl in England is felt to be too deep for the viewing

a year. Not always about schools; the Rio Kid, Herlock Sholmes and the King of the Islands made a nice change.

An averagely good year meant £2,500; and that was then. A good year might mean £2,500, and there were several of them.

Glittering

And Richards, commuting between comfortable hotels in Venice, Rome, and the Riviera, spun more and yet more of the golden words. They flowed easily, and life was scenic.

Usually, the glittering tables of Monte Carlo drew him in the end. Then there were gruelling, remorseful extra hours at the typewriter making good his gambling losses.

The outbreak of the First World War found him as a public



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CLUBS AFRAID OF UNDER-COUNTER DEALS?

Finally comes the question WHY? Why is English football possibly on the verge of a strike which no one wants?

Certainly the players are not spilling for a showdown. This is no ransom act to get our hands on untapped sources of wealth. We know that such wealth just does not exist.

We are not demanding more money, but merely the right to work for more. The clubs will still have the right to refuse.

We also seek the right to change our employer. Is this unreasonable? Not all people in this world get along well together. The employers will still have the last word, for it is they who must finally decide whom they will employ and whom they will turn down.

We players have no monopoly on the game. We are in no sort of position to wield a big stick. What, then, is it that the clubs fear?

The answer, I feel, is themselves.

Inducements

At the moment, the movement of players and their earnings is covered by stringent regulations. Even so, inducements—in the form of under-the-counter payments—have been made and, one suspects, are still being made by clubs to procure players' signatures. And without these regulations, the way would be clear for clubs

This could be why they won't come to terms

to offer even more tempting inducements. Isn't it the truth that the clubs are afraid of some among them conducting their business unpleasantly and in bad faith? Perhaps, indeed, the problem is basically between club and club, rather than club and player.

In what has been written and said in recent weeks, it has not been stressed nearly sufficiently that most English players have a deep sense of loyalty to their clubs. The most grievous aspect of a strike would be a feeling on the part of many players that, in fighting for their principles, they were harming clubs who had treated them with respect and always as well as regulations permit.

Many people seem to have assumed that players are just waiting for the day when they will be able to kick open the door of the manager's office and demand "more money or else."

As I have already pointed out, the players are just not in a position to do this.

Could it work?

Let us imagine for a moment, that there were no life-contracts, no maximum wage, even no transfer system—the very conditions in fact, which the people would have us believe would lead to anarchy.

Could such a system work? It could, in fact, it does—in

the non-league sphere of British professional football. There, the man earning perhaps £10 a week lines up quite happily alongside the £25-a-week man. The stars do not hold the clubs to ransom. And although some clubs are naturally stronger than others, they do not employ all the best players.

A club usually engages just one or two top men and other players of lesser ability. And the wage disparity does not appear to affect team harmony in any way.

One serious danger.

There is, I think, one serious danger inherent in the freedom which the players hope to gain. Some of them may be tempted to surrender that freedom to agents of one sort or another who will offer to act on their behalf.

This would be most unfortunate, for it is likely that such agents would be concerned not at all with the interests of football but only with striking the hardest bargain.

My own suggestion would be that the Professional Footballers' Association should assume the full mantle of a professional body and set up a bureau to advise players on contracts.

Those needing most help and guidance would be the younger players. Initially, much work would be involved. But, gradually, things would sort them-

selves out, for apart from a few rather special cases, players' contracts would all have much the same content and structure.

World Cup hope

But, if a soccer strike does occur, it is conceivable that it will give a boost to England's World Cup chances.

For years, the team-builders have been trying to work through a long-term plan. At almost every turn they have been hampered by a club-based foreigner outlook that has permitted a player to serve his country only when club duties have allowed.

But, at one fell swoop, a strike would free all England's soccer talent.

The Football Association could not, of course, take advantage of the situation. However, it would not be impossible for the players to act on their own initiative—and so remind everyone that they have the word of the game at heart.

As it is planned to stage exhibition matches, why not gather the England team together for this purpose? They could play matches against the leading clubs. What a draw such matches would be, and what wonderful preparation for England.

All this, however, would be merely salvaging something from a wreckage—making the best of a bad job. Far better if a strike never happens.

Most of us have had our fill of strike talk. I know I would much prefer to be writing about the game of football, rather than its politics. This is the season of goodwill, so let us all be optimistic that happier times will soon be with us.

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TEST MATCH TIE: U.S. TENNIS DEFEAT: Will it be hat-trick of sporting sensations?

By JOHN COTTRELL

London, Dec. 26.

The sensations of the first-ever Test match tie and Italy's Davis Cup triumph over the United States make Australia the focal point of the whole sporting world. In this smallest continent of ten million people, unforgettable cricket and lawn tennis history is in the making. What will happen next? After these extreme improbabilities, is it beyond the imagination to suppose that those gay cavaliers of Italian tennis, Nicole Pietrangeli and Orlando Sirola, may return the cherished Davis Cup to Europe after an interval of almost a quarter of a century?

Today's four days before Australia and the West Indies meet in the Second Test at Sydney, the 48th Davis Cup Challenge Round opened in Sydney. Italy's inter-zone victory has ensured that it will be a 10,000-seat sellout.

Monopoly broken

Ever since 1939, Australia and United States have fought out this final battle for the World Cup of amateur lawn tennis. Now the monopolous monopoly has been broken—and the possibility of a further Italian victory is intriguing.

Much more than Dwight Davis's celebrated silver bowl is at stake. Victory for Italy could mark the end of Australian-American domination in world tennis and in cricket—give the game a much-needed boost in spectator appeal.

This, in turn, could counter the attraction of the professional's newly-founded Kramer Cup, a contest on similar lines, which must inevitably rival the Davis Cup competition.

The importance of this challenge round becomes even more vital when it remembered that the Italians, European finalists for the past six years, have a reputation for being "invincible" on their own soil.

The Svengali

At home—on their so-called courts before noisily partisan crowds—they have not been defeated since 1948, when Czechoslovakia won 3-2 in Davis Cup doubles matches in Europe. They were French finalists in 1955. They reached the Wimbledon doubles final of 1955 by beating Vic Seixas and Tony Trabert and Ashley Cooper and Neale Fraser.

Such is their consistency that they reached at least the doubles semi-finals in four successive Wimbledon (1955-1958) and won the French title in 1959.

Australia to win

Can they now crown their partnership with the most glorious triumph of all? They have a great chance in Sydney, where Australia last defended the Davis Cup—unsuccessfully—in 1954. Yet my forecast is—Australia to win.

The issue, however, is precariously balanced, and the circumstances may never again be so favourable for the Italians.

Italy's two-man Davis Cup squad has greatly improved with much grass-court experience this year. Sirola has never played better though, at 32, his years of top-class tennis must be numbered. Pietrangeli is now the best amateur in Europe, but there is always a danger that Italy may lose him to the professional ranks.

The Italians' improvement has been accompanied by a strange decline in the form of the two leading Australians, southpaws Neale Fraser and Rod Laver, who are possibly suffering from a surfeit of big-match tennis.

Fraser, especially, has been out of touch recently being defeated by young Bob Hewitt and 25-year-old, two-listed Bob Howe, both highly-skilled players but hardly in the class of a Wimbledon champion.

Fraser's greatest strength—and weakness—is his service. When his variety of serves are working properly, he is the world's No. 1 amateur. When he loses his service touch, he can be beaten by many top amateurs.

At his best, then, Fraser, should win two singles matches for Australia in the Davis Cup challenge round. And since red-headed Rod Laver, the "Rockhampton Rocket", defeated Pietrangeli in five sets at Wimbledon this year, an Australian victory is clearly possible.

Italy's main hope

But Pietrangeli has sharpened his grass-court game since Wimbledon and I believe he can win at least one singles match for Italy. In the doubles, too, victory is not beyond the Italians, who will most probably be opposed by Neale Fraser and Roy Emerson.

At Wimbledon, Fraser and Emerson went out to the unseeded British pair of Mike Davis and Bobby Wilson, whereas the Italians bowed only to the ultimate winners, Rafael Osuna and Dennis Ralston, who slithered the British pair in straight sets in the final.

On this reckoning, Italy's hopes rest heavily on the high shoulders of 6ft. 7in. 16st. Sirola. Can he raise his game on the big occasion?

His victory over the big American Barry "The Bear" Mackay is encouraging, but not convincing. Temperamental Mackay never had any liking for the Italian's game.

Sirola is a strong starter, but I do not believe he is a match for the experienced, less temperamental Australians. In last year's inter-zone final, he held Fraser to 17-19 in the first set, took the second set 6-1, then faded. Similarly, he took Alex Olmedo to 38 games in the first set of their 1958 inter-zone battle—but lost in straight sets.

UK soccer results

London, Dec. 26.
Results of today's football matches were:

ENGLISH LEAGUE	
Division I	
Arsenal	1-0 Wednesday
Birmingham C	1-0 Newcastle
Burnley	1-0 Everton
Cardiff	1-0 West Ham
Fulham	1-0 Manchester C
Leicester	2-0 Bolton
Manchester U	3-0 Chelsea
Sheff Wed	0-1 Notts Forest
Sheff Utd	0-1 Tottenham
Wolves	3-0 Aston Villa
Division II	
Charlton	0-1 Plymouth Argyle
Grimsby	0-1 Stoke City
Lincoln	0-1 Rotherham
Liverpool	3-0 Lincoln City
Leeds	3-0 Leyton Orient
Millwall	1-0 Norwich
Sheff Wed	0-1 Bristol Rovers
Southampton	1-1 Sheffield
Sunderland	4-0 Swindon
Division III	
Barnley	0-1 Grimsby
Bradford	0-1 Hull City
Cardiff City	0-1 Queens Park
Durham	1-0 Walsley
Sheff Wed	1-0 Shrewsbury
Sheff Utd	1-0 Coventry
Southampton	2-0 Notts County
Tranmere	0-1 Truro
Walsley	0-1 Southend
Widnes	2-1 Halifax Town
Widnes	2-1 Brierley

SCOTTISH LEAGUE	
Division I	
Celtic	1-0 Rangers
Dundee	1-0 Aberdeen
Dundee Utd	1-0 Peterborough
East Fife	1-0 Dundee
East Stirling	1-0 Crystal Palace
Heart of Midlothian	1-0 Hibernian
Millwall	1-0 Walsley
Southampton	1-0 Barrow
Widnes	1-0 Northampton
Division II	
Celtic	1-0 Rangers
Dundee	1-0 Aberdeen
Dundee Utd	1-0 Peterborough
East Fife	1-0 Dundee
East Stirling	1-0 Crystal Palace
Heart of Midlothian	1-0 Hibernian
Millwall	1-0 Walsley
Southampton	1-0 Barrow
Widnes	1-0 Northampton

Chasing a record

Ray Prosser, pride and joy of the Pontypool Rugby Club's pack, is just three international "caps" away from a Welsh Rugby record.

Having played for his country twenty times, this consistent player needs only retain his place against England, Scotland and Ireland this season to become the most "capped" prop forward in Welsh history.

The record of 22 is held by Billy Williams Swansea's tough row forward—Banerws Service.

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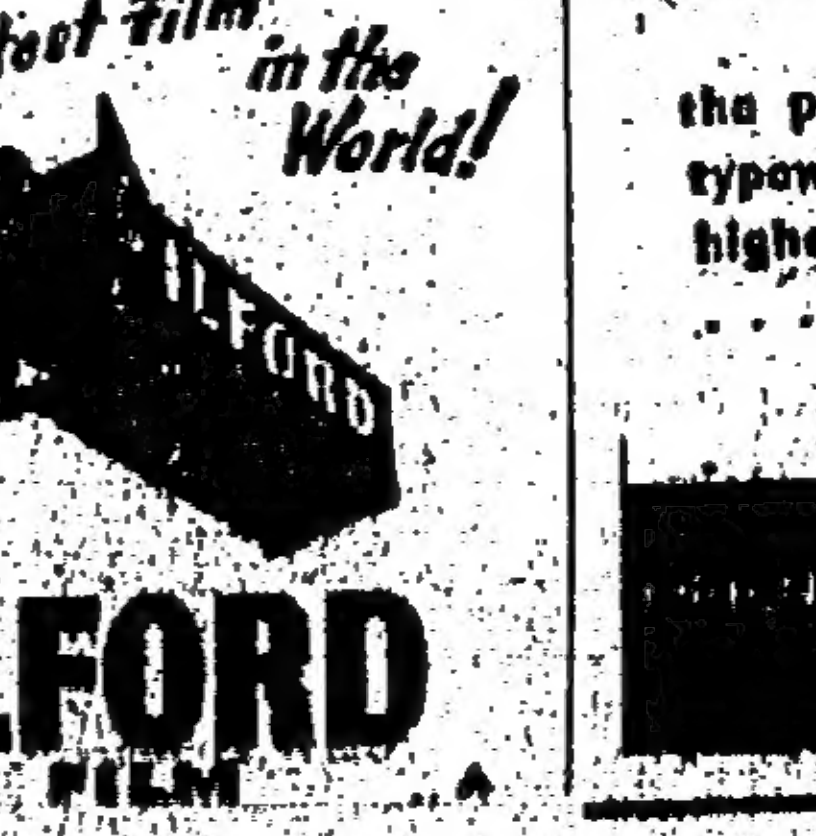
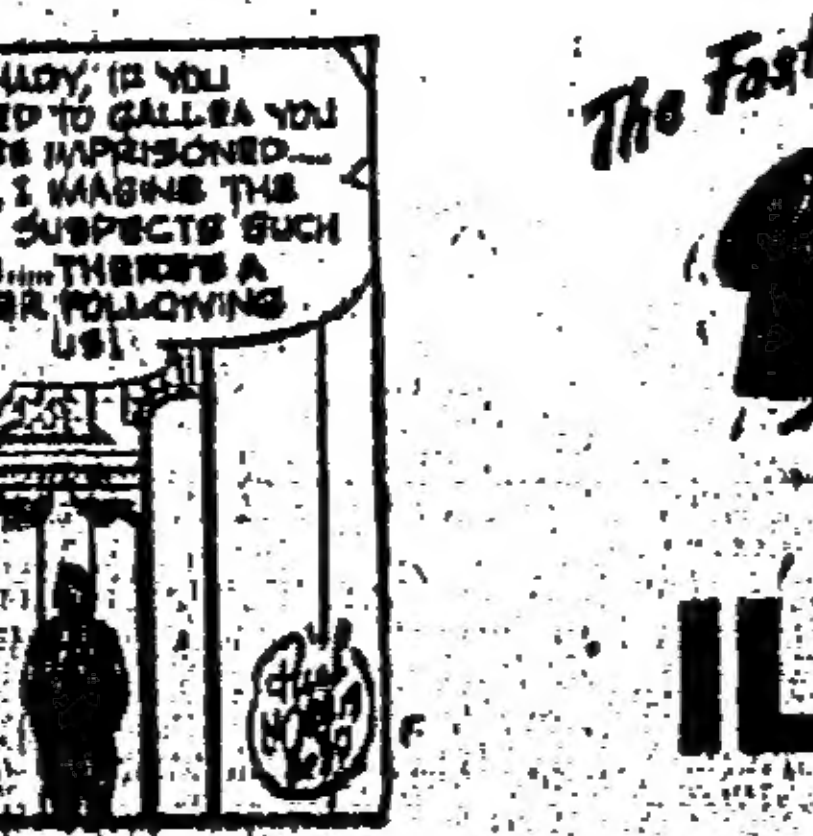


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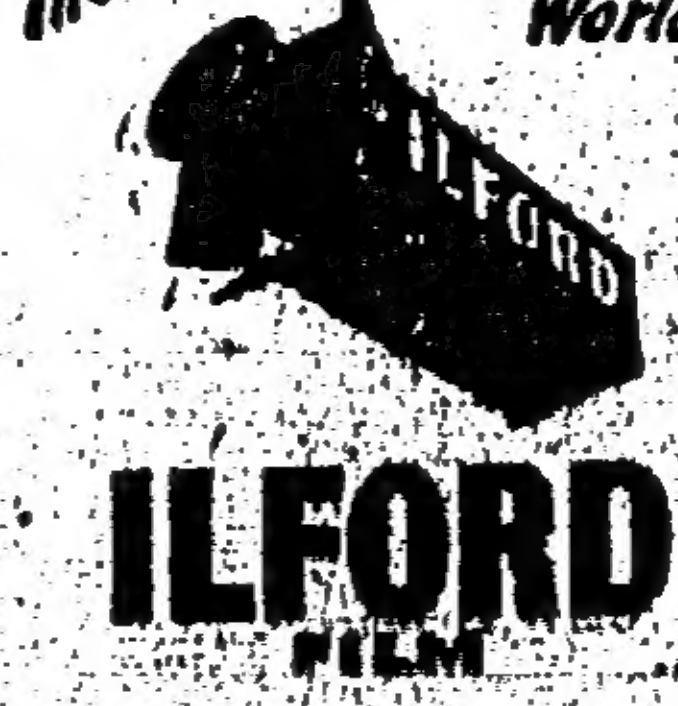
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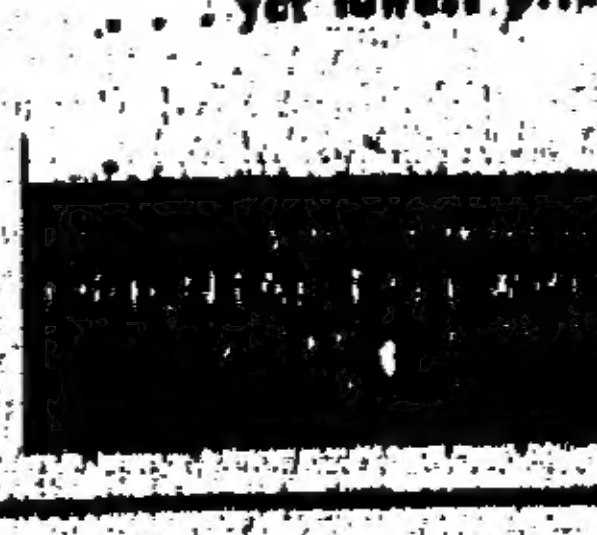
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FREIGHTER STILL AGROUND

The 1,500-ton Panamanian freighter *Amonea* which went aground on Lumbuan Island, Batabak Strait, on December 14 was still hard aground yesterday.

The Hongkong tug *Talkoo* which arrived on the scene on Friday was undertaking the salvage operation.

The freighter grounded when she was on her way to Kuantan from Jesselton, North Borneo.

Voting for "Miss Exhibition"

Voting for Miss Exhibition started yesterday at the 18 Exhibition of Hongkong Products.

Each visitor is given a vote ballot box will be closed on January 4. Results will be announced the next day.

There are 15 candidates representing 13 different stalls.

COLLEGE DINNER

The United College of Hongkong held its annual reunion dinner at the Boy Scouts Headquarters, Cox's road, Kowloon on Christmas Day.

Prior to the dinner a swearing-in ceremony of the College's new committee members took place.

Mr Tang Chung-yeung, chairman of the outgoing committee gave a short farewell speech to this year's graduates.

CAUTIONED

Nine street hawkers charged with obstruction and hawking without a licence were cautioned and discharged by Mr. E. Corbally at Central Court yesterday.

Van plunges down hillside in NT CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ACCIDENTS

Two killed, many hurt on roads

A man and a woman were killed and several others injured, some seriously, in traffic accidents on both sides of the harbour during the Christmas holidays.

Two small fires also occurred on Christmas Day. At 5.30 pm, a 50-year-old man was knocked down by a private car while crossing King's road, near Healthy Street East. The man, Lee Chung-leung, of No. 1 Nelson Street, first floor, died on the way to Queen Mary Hospital.

Later, the police, through the media, asked eye-witnesses of the accident to report to the police.

At 3.05 pm yesterday (Boxing Day), a woman textile worker was fatally injured when she was knocked down by a van on Island road near Lot No. 105, Aberdeen.

The woman, Wong Choi-har, 27, died instantly.

At 1.15 am on Christmas Day, a small van belonging to a textile plant, went off Castle Peak road, near Kiu Wah Kan, 6 1/2 miles, and plunged 100 feet down the hillside.

Two of the three occupants were thrown out of the van and seriously injured.

The van landed on its wheels about 100 feet below the road with its top and rear end badly dented.

The two seriously injured, Chan Pun, 53, and Chu Ah-ken, 51-year-old driver, were admitted to Kowloon Hospital.

At 1.15 am on Sunday, a 45-year-old church-goer, So Ying-wai, was knocked down by a

private car when crossing Causeway road. So, who suffered head injuries, had attended Midland Mass at the Roman Catholic Cathedral. He was also taken to hospital.

At 8.15 am, a Tsun Wan resident, Chan Poon, 21, suffered serious head injuries when he was knocked down by a private car in Castle Peak road, near 9 1/2-milestone.

Then, at 11 pm the same day, a private car travelling towards Kowloon City collided with a lamp-post in Chatham road near Gascoigne road. A passenger, 19-year-old Yuen Kong-yuk, suffered hand injuries.

On Boxing Day, a lorry carrying a load of earth fell into the sea off Kellie Island, Causeway Bay about 9 am.

Two labourers, Hui Kin-wah, 38, and Ng Sing, 39, who were on board, were slightly injured and were discharged from hospital after treatment.

The two fires, one in Portland street, and the other in Connaught road, West, were both caused by electrical short circuits. They were put out before fire engines arrived.

A seven-year-old boy was seriously injured when he fell from the roof of a house in Kowloon, near Causeway Bay about 11 am yesterday while playing with other children. The boy, Lee Kwok-leung, was admitted to hospital.



Miss Hilda Noronha and Mr Reynaldo Lee Masi after their wedding at St. Teresa's Church, Kowloon—China Mail Photo.

Boxing Day wedding at St Teresa's

Miss Hilda Noronha, formerly "Auntie" Sue of the Sunday Post-Herald Children's Club, was married yesterday to Mr Reynaldo Lee-Masi in St. Teresa's Church, Kowloon.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs Della (Maria) Noronha, of Kowloon, and the groom, a sales representative, is the son of Mr Dionisio Lee-Masi also of Kowloon.

The bride's gown of white slipper satin was embroidered with seed pearls and diamonds. It had three-quarter sleeves and a bouffant skirt of draped nylon.

her head-dress featured a short, finger-tip veil fastened to a coronet of seed pearls. She carried a bouquet of tea roses.

The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr Raphael Tossan, in a ceremony conducted by Fr C. M. Orland, PIME. The nuptial mass was celebrated by Fr Joseph Carra, PIME.

PINK ROSES

Bridesmaid Miss Margarita Texeira wore a full-length gown of powder blue featuring a front-centred panel of white hand-painted flowers and puffed elbow-length sleeves. She carried pink roses.

Misses Cecilia Tossan, cousin of the bride, and Angel Loung were flower girls. They wore pastel yellow and pink full-length dresses of tulle covered with nylon net.

Mr Paulino Cheng attended the groom.

At the reception in St. Teresa's parochial hall, following the ceremony, another uncle of the bride, Mr Alberto Tossan, proposed the toast to her.

For a honeymoon trip to Macao the bride donned a blue and white suit of tulle and blue. With it she chose black patent leather shoes and matching hand-bag.

GIFT PARCELS FOR RUSSIAN REFUGEES

Russian refugee children and old people in rooming houses along the waterfront and in Kowloon City had surprise gift parcels from "Mother Christmas" during the holiday season. Four European ladies, their cars loaded with gaily-wrapped parcels went to various parts of Hongkong and Kowloon to deliver packages of good cheer to 229 families. As well as Christmas gifts and novelties, the parcels contained gaily-wrapped parcels of food, soap, towels and writing equipment.

Christmas in Peking

Peking, Dec. 26. Christmas Day, cold but snow-free, passed almost unnoticed here by all but the Chinese capital's 20,000 Christians.

Churches yesterday morning held special services at which the blue coated worshippers sang traditional Western Christmas hymns in Chinese.

Western Embassies were enjoying a traditional Christmas, and the staff of the British Charge D'Affaires office—who on Christmas Eve lauded the other embassies were attending a turkey and plum pudding dinner.—Reuter.

Fire kills children

Langhorne, Penn., Dec. 26. Five children died of suffocation in their bungalow home while their parents were attending a midnight Christmas mass.

Only one of the six youngsters of Mr and Mrs Richard Dupont survived. A 10-year-old boy sent through the 1 1/2 storey house by a fire started in a basement recreation room.

It took three fire companies only half an hour to extinguish the fire which centred around a television set.—AP.

MAN ROBBED

A man and a woman returning from a Christmas party were waylaid by two men, one armed with a dagger, in Tung Tau Temple, Kowloon City, early yesterday morning.

The two robbers disappeared after robbing the man of his wrist watch, and \$10.

World tour

Mr. Alan Stevens, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W. R. M. Stevens of Hongkong, left today for Sydney, Australia, on a three-month round-the-world tour.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES

If Christ were born in Hongkong today

"If Christ were to come to earth today, He would probably be born in a bedspace in Wanchai. The first people to see Him would not be from the Peak nor even from Macdonnell Road. They would be poor, humble people, like the shepherds who hurried from the fields to see the Babe of Bethlehem."

The Very Rev. Barry Till, Dean of St. John's Cathedral, spoke on these lines to children and their parents attending the Family Service at the Cathedral on Christmas morning.

Young folk, including babies-in-arms, were present at the service at which a series of messages based on the Christmas story were given by the Dean. These were interspersed with the singing of simple, well-loved carols, including "While shepherds watched their flocks" and "Away in a manger".

The Dean asked the children to take their parents into the Christmas Exhibition in the Old Hall where they would see the contrast between the comfort of their homes at Christmas-time and the crowded, noisy conditions where so many lived in Wanchai "in all the numbness of poverty."

NOT DEFLECTED

At the service of Mattins immediately following the Dean spoke of the parable of the stable to a capacity congregation. The Governor and Lady Black attended.

He told them that the real Christmas message, the wonder and meaning of the parable was that God, through His Son, offered us His own character.

"God's purpose, not deflected by our disobedience, has been from all time, to make His children His sons, to give us His own divine nature, the right to become a child of God."

The Governor read the second lesson from the first chapter of St. Luke. The first lesson from Isaiah, Chapter nine, was read by Sir John Kipchoi.

UNION CHURCH

The Rev. A. E. Small preached to a crowded Kowloon Union Church at the Christmas morning family service. He reminded the parents and children that it was not the worship of a Baby born in a stable, but the worship of what God had done and was doing for the world that man should never cease to praise.

There were those who denied that Christ's ethics of a

HIGH MASS

Thousands of worshippers attended services of High Mass and Holy Communion at Roman Catholic churches in Hongkong and Kowloon on Christmas morning.

At the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception children with their parents paused at the Crib placed at the entrance to the nave to see the figure of the Christ Child placed there at midnight on Christmas Eve.

Returned from leave

Mr Donald J. F. Fraser, Organist of Music, Education Department, and Chairman of the Hongkong School Music Association, returned from leave by the mv *Victoria* from Italy yesterday.

Mr Victor Ardy, of the Government Stores Department, and conductor and founder of the Hongkong Concert Orchestra, also returned from leave by the *Victoria*. He was accompanied by Mrs Ardy.

Editor's mission

Mr Dick Wilson, Editor of the Far Eastern Economic Review, left Hongkong by P&O for Rangoon, on Sunday on the first stage of a four-week fact-finding mission on behalf of the Colombo Plan. He will write a booklet in commemoration of the Plan's 10th anniversary.

From the Files

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A BIRD'S Eye View: A recent American simile: A superfluous as mistletoe at a whoopee party.

ALFRED G. Vanderbilt tells a story of a groom and a turkey, the Morning Post reported.

"I had promised this groom," he said, "a Christmas turkey, but, somehow in the rush and flurry of December I forgot it. It was some days after Christmas when I remembered. Intending to make good my forgetfulness, I said to the groom, by way of a joke: 'Well Jenkins, how did you like that turkey I sent you?'"

"It was a very fine bird, sir," said the groom. "I came very near losing it though."

"How so?" said I, astonished.

"Well, sir," said Jenkins, "Christmas morning came, and your turkey hadn't reached me, so I rushed right out to the express company and asked the manager what he meant by not sending the bird up. The manager, apologised, sir, very politely, and took me into a back room, where there were 10 or 15 turkeys hanging, and he said the labels had been lost off all of them, and I'd just better take my choice. So I chose the largest, sir, knowing your generosity, and it was fine. It ate grand. Thank you very much indeed, sir?"

Those who attended the open meeting of the Rotary Club at the Hongkong Hotel Hotel Garden yesterday and heard the recital of Charles Dickens's "A Christmas Carol" were confronted with the realisation that the English Christmas sentiments are just as simple and old-fashioned as they ever were.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, took his seat for the first time as an Honorary Member of the Rotary Club and Sir Thomas Southorn, the Colonial Secretary, returned after a long absence to lend an added touch of importance to an occasion which embraced a large number of members, wives and lady friends.

LETTERS FROM YOU TO THE EDITOR Honeymoon after 88 years

On the eve of a great Festival when every heart is warm with human feeling, it was inspiring to read the story of one of the greatest love in history that even the lust imagination could never think up for a picture. That story was about the bride's honeymoon after 88 years of waiting, published in your issue of Friday, December 23.

In this materialistic world of today when the sanctity of marriage is treated as a joke, and when Hollywood leads the world in changing spouses as one changes seasonal clothes, and when one man's mate is another man's passion, this record-breaking love of 88 years must certainly shame most of us whose ardour towards our loved ones soon cool off after the honeymoon stage, and to be able to remain wedded for 88 years without an occasional rift is regarded as unique.

Yet this fine couple of centenarians remain deeply in love with each other as on the day they first decided to share their love together through life, and have ever since remained true to their marriage vow.

This fidelity should be recorded in letters of gold and enshrined for generations to come to see what true love means and the beauty of loyalty, of steadfastness and of hope for this loving couple have been living through 88 years of great hardship with one object in life—to hope for the ever-deferred honeymoon, which their poverty would not permit of them in the full bloom of their marriage day.

If ever any citizen deserves to be honoured by his country or his fellow citizens this splendid couple have more than merited the honour, and yet they remain humble, unknown and little regarded. Even the late Sir H.W. Cable could not have produced such

dear sir

a great story of true love through nearly a century of marriage with never a single occasion for disagreement, never a moment of doubt or uncertainty of each other's fidelity. The shining example of this ageless couple should revive our fast despairing faith in human nature for they have shown that there is still in the world people who do not make a mockery of their marriage vow, who can remain true and steadfast in the ever-changing pattern of life, content to remain constant in each other's love—a love that is truly eternal as true love should be.

Let Hollywood and Nevada-bent married couples take note of this story, and cover themselves with shame, that they cannot keep their marriage vows for even one-tenth the length of time of this faithful Darcy and Joan who, though abjectly poor, in material possessions, are rich in that intangible thing called Love that can transcend all mundane things of life. INSPIRED.

dear sir

Operation Santa Claus

The article which appeared in Tuesday's paper under the above heading both pleased and surprised me, because the response to the Charity Broadcast was much

greater than anticipated, and surprised because under the sub-heading "Tremendous Support" mention was made that "organisations sadly prominent by their absence have been the Army and RAF."

In all fairness, and to clarify the matter of donations, permit me to enlighten readers who were entering paper that RAF Forces and their families stationed in this Colony support many charitable organisations not only during festive seasons but all the year round.

Apart from holding fairs for the benefit of the underprivileged, the collection and distribution of clothes, foodstuffs and money, also the Army schools here urge the children to bring along gifts which can be given to needy children. Since this must be known to the writer of the article in question, I fail to understand why he had to single out the Army and RAF for their "noticeable absence in donating to Operation Santa Claus."

For my part, being the wife of a member of the RAF, I can only say that in future I shall refrain from donating any worthy cause in this Colony, as it seems to me that no matter how much one does try to give to some organisations, it is not appreciated unless one takes part in everything that is being "offered" at the time. P.S. As matter of interest I may add that a collection among RAF families for the Operation Santa Claus commenced before the China Mail was on sale that day.

E. L. W. A. WILLIAMS, Operation Santa Claus was organised by Radio-Hongkong. Comments by Radio-Hongkong and donors were merely recorded in the China Mail—ED.

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